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1. The petition filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

2. The petition filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is dismissed.

a) The requisite petition fee of \$_____ has not been received.

b) Other :

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3. The amendment filed on 11 January 2001 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) entered.

b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) disapproved. See explanation below.

d) entered in part. See explanation below.

Acknowledgement is made of PTO-1449 file Feb.11, 2000. However, it was not considered because they never came to my attention. Applicant hand-delivered IDS has considered and properly signed PTO-1449 was mailed on Feb 02, 2001.

Copy (PTO - 1449) is enclosed.

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